

GRACE LUTHERAN WEEKLY

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GRACE

- Today: PALM SUNDAY**
Sunday School/Adult Classes – 9:00am
Worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00am
Coffee Fellowship – 11:00am
- Monday:** Lay Ministers – 7:00pm
(EVA – 7:00pm)
- Tuesday:** Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – 6:00pm
Board of Christian Education – 6:00pm
Property Board – 7:00pm
- Wednesday:** Breakfast Bible Study – 6:30am
Women's Bible Study – 10:00am
Bell Choir – 6:15pm
NO Outreach Board meeting this month
Vocal Choir – 7:30pm
- Thursday:** Maundy Thursday Worship Service – 7:00pm
- Friday:** Good Friday Worship - Noon
Good Friday Worship – 7:00pm
- Next Sunday: EASTER SUNDAY**
Easter Sunrise Service – 7:00am
Easter Breakfast – 7:30am to 9:00am
Sunday School Egg Hunt – 9:00am
NO Adult Classes today – resume next week
Worship w/Holy Communion - 10:00am

Those activities in () indicate outside groups meeting in the building.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

- + Jovita Hunt, Kathleen Thomsen, Naomi Baker, Roland Luxford, Ralph Boring, Myrtle Larson, Gary Rust, Bob Sylwester, George Walker, Jean Frank, Megan Haas (niece of Dee Wheeler)
- + Shut-ins: Fred Schatz, Jeannine Brauner, Mary Krumdieck, Irma Gieseke, Frances Bradshaw, Lola Jackson, Ann Porisch, Lore Mead, Margie Murphree, Alex Guenther, Mary Good



We would like to thank our Grace Family for the prayer support, kind words and numerous cards during the past few days. We have felt a huge out pouring of love and concern for us and our family. Loss is very difficult but we have the joy of knowing our loved ones are at home with the Lord. Blessings to all of you.

Our love, Dee and Bert Wheeler and Tammy Smith

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: The Newsletter deadline for submitting articles for the May newsletter is Sunday, April 19th. Please submit your articles to the church office.

USHERS: Please check the “**Unavailable Usher Schedule**” which is located in the narthex. The schedule for **MAY** is posted. If you are unable to usher in May, please mark the schedule or talk to Todd Baker.

REMINDER: BULLETIN/WEEKLY DEADLINE – If you would like something in the bulletin or Weekly (blue notes) – please have your information to the church office by **10:00am on Wednesdays!**

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

- * Stronghold Dinner/Bible Study – Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00pm
- * Breakfast Bible Study – Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30am
- * Women's Bible Study – Wednesday, April 8th at 10:00am

ADULT CLASSES ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!

There are three classes for adults on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00am.

- 1) Pastor Phil will lead a Bible study on the Book of Daniel in Room # 5.
- 2) “Back to Mayberry” a video class led by Randy Ronne meets in parish hall. On Sunday (April 19), “Opie’s Charity”. This is one of the funniest episodes we have shown. The scenes of Andy trying to explain to Opie why he should give more to the children’s charity drive are classic. Pay special attention to Andy accusing Annabelle of having too much pride, then falling into the same trap himself. Also notice the way Opie was unimpressed with the publicity of the charity drive, but was concerned with meeting the need of a friend.
- 3) Trescott Ducker will lead a class in the school library on Lee Strobel’s book “The Case for Faith”. The class will cover a chapter of the book per week.

EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Pre-school - 5th Grade

9:00 - 9:20 Faith Walk
9:20 - 9:30 Singing - All students
9:30 - 9:50 Egg hunt

Treats are still needed for the children's Easter hunt. Please have to the church by Thursday. Please mark for Sunday School and leave in the kitchen. All donations are appreciated.

REMINDER.... We will be observing Holy Communion today and next Sunday – Easter Sunday. The third Sunday, April 19th we will have our Contemporary Worship service (this month only) with no Holy Communion.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC PRACTICE will be on **Saturday, April 18th at 11:00am.**

DINNER VOLUNTEERS FOR STRONGHOLD on Tuesday evenings are still needed (note the day change). Please consider preparing dinner for a small group of hungry college students (cook for about 10). The sign-up sheet is on the small table to the left of the church mailboxes. Thanks so much for your participation!

PORTALS OF PRAYER is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The new **APRIL-JUNE** booklet is available on the table in the narthex. Take one home for your daily devotions.

FLOWER CHART FOR 2009! The Flower Chart is located by the mailboxes in the narthex. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or memory of someone, please sign your name on the **Flower Chart** for the date you would like. Floral arrangements can be from your garden, a store or from a floral shop. You will receive a reminder the week prior to your Sunday. Please remember to take your flowers with you after the 10:00am service.

A COFFEE SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the door by the Fireside Room. The Fellowship Board will have coffee hour every first Sunday of the month. Please sign up to help the other Sundays. Coffee and treats will be provided but you can also bring treats if you wish. People need to set up before and clean up after the coffee hour. If you have questions, please contact Kirk Gunson.

COMING SOON – EASTER BREAKFAST sponsored by our Youth! Once again this year, we are asking members to donate food and beverage items for the breakfast. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Decide what you would like to donate (cash donations are accepted as well), sign your name on the sheet corresponding lines, and take the small reminder tags for the items you plan to donate. Thank you SO MUCH for your help! Grace Youth Board

ALL YOUTH

Our annual youth-sponsored Easter breakfast is coming up!

We hope you will all be a part of making it a big success! This is to remind you that **EVERYONE needs to help on Saturday, April 11th from 10:30-Noon (for set-up & preparation – no lunch will be provided) and work shifts on Easter Sunday morning, April 12th**. Back by popular demand: our new breakfast format with orders taken at the tables and food delivered by servers (that's you!). **We need TWO youth to arrive on Easter Sunday at 5:30am to help in the kitchen.** There are other times you are needed for jobs during breakfast (serving from 7:30-9:00 am) Sunday morning as well – and we need your parents too! **We need THREE ADULTS who can be in charge of the clean-up so the cooks who will be at church at 5:30am can go home immediately after church!** Watch for the sign-up sheets or talk with John Prehm.

We would appreciate it if EVERYONE would help with CLEAN-UP (about 9:00am).

Funds from the breakfast will be used for our Summer Outings and the money earned will be credited to those children who participate in the event.

Thanks and HAPPY EASTER!

Grace Youth Board

YOUTH NEWS

Girls” and “Guys” Retreats at Camp Lutherwood...

In April there are two retreats (one for girls and one for guys) being offered at Camp Lutherwood for youth in grades 4th to 8th. The cost is \$50 per child. The church will pay the difference. For more details of the retreats, check out the bulletin board in the narthex. **There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex if you plan to go. Today (April 5) is the last day to sign up for the retreats! Any questions, see John Prehm!**

RED HAT EVENT

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

You are invited to a **Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 2 at 2:00pm** in the Grace Lutheran Church Parish Hall. There will be a **Fashion Show** and **Special Entertainment**. Be sure to join the fun; feel free to bring family and friends. The more the merrier.

We are also planning a KITCHEN SHOWER for the CHURCH KITCHEN as a servant activity. If you would like to bring an item the following are suggestions of items needed: Dawn dish soap (large size), dish towels, dish cloths, foil, plastic wrap, and quart and gallon sized zip lock bags. Needed items will be purchased for you if you would rather donate money or if you have an item that is not on the list feel free to bring it. What for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to avoid duplications.

Ladies and children participating in the Fashion show, please be sure to **notify Lennie Tritt (747-3265) by April 6th**, so she is able to schedule you. The deadline for turning in the written description of your fashion is April 20th. Please be sure to have it to her on time. Thanks Ladies for your help!

WANTED - PICTURES OF OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

We want to honor and acknowledge our military service men and women of Grace. The plan is to have photos with branch of service, rank and area of deployment. The pictures may include family groups or single pictures. Pictures of any size may be submitted. We plan to enlarge to 5x7. Family groups to 8x10. This includes family members and friends who may or may not be members of Grace. We are also open to suggestions. At this time the plan is a bulletin board. We have three family members to start – no doubt there are more. You may contact Jody Johnson or Olivia Spangler.

The Lutheran Hour Broadcast

Sunday Mornings – 8:00am ---- on KKNX – 840 AM

Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus

April 12 – “The Same Old Good News” (Mark 16: 8) Some of the world’s most precious things are good and old. This applies to God’s Word, too.

April 19 – “A Reasonable Request” (John 20:25) Sounds simple enough. But are there hidden nuances behind a request?

April 25 – “TBA” Guest Speaker: Rev. Gary Byers

The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at <http://www.lutheranhour.org/> If you would like to listen to The Lutheran Hour message and need assistance with the above options, please call Barb Ronne at 343-0327.

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY BOARD

We are still asking people to sign up (Narthex bulletin board) who would be willing to furnish an occasional, simple meal to help out others in the church revering from surgery or illness. This meal help is short term and may involve convenience or purchase foods for the meal. Sometimes needs might involve foods lower in fats and salt. If you are aware of a church member who needs this help, please contact Pastor Phil, Corenne Jackson or Brenda Miller. Thank you.

The church “Food Pantry”, in the labeled cupboard (in the nursery), is available for members of the congregation who have a current need. Food is now available. Items to donate in April to the “Food Pantry) are:

Canned Vegetables (*store-bought only*) Hearty soups, stews, and chili

Remember to START SAVING useful household items to donate later in the summer for a church garage sale in September. We would like to have lots of items useful for students setting up living places for the school year. This is a good reason to replace some items at home that might still be useful to others “setting up housekeeping”!

LIFE! LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 342-5433

Email: office@lifeschool.us

Website: www.lifeschool.us

LIFE! Lutheran School is continuing to accept applications for new students for the 2009 school year. Take time to view the website at www.lifeschool.us. Anyone interested in receiving information about enrolling at LIFE! Lutheran School should contact the school office at 342-5433.

ANNUAL LIFE! ASSOCIATION MEETING

Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm

Please mark your personal and church calendar for the annual LIFE! Association Meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00pm at Grace/LIFE in the Parish Hall** (710 E. 17th Ave., Eugene). Refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend (pastors, encourage your church members to attend) and be a part of helping LIFE! School grown and flourish! Whether you can attend or not, please continue to keep LIFE! School in your prayers. This is one of God's ministries in our community. The meetings agenda/topics will include:

- * Plans for the 2009-10 school year
- * Our vision and plans for the future of LIFE!

